AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A vibration absorbing device comprising a rubber vibration absorbing element, said rubber element comprising: 100 parts of ethylene-alpha-olefin elastomer; and 20 to 100 parts of substantially isobutylene or butene polymer having a viscosity average molecular weight ~~greater than~~ in the range from about ~~5000~~ 50,000 to about 1,250,000 and having less than about 1 mole per cent unsaturation.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said device is a crankshaft torsional vibration dampener.
3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said rubber element is cured by a free-radical-producing material.
4. (Original) The device of claim 3 wherein said free-radical-producing material is selected from the group consisting of organic peroxides and ionizing radiation.
5. (Original) The device of claim 4 wherein said elastomer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene copolymers, ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymers, ethylene-octene copolymers, ethylene-octene-diene terpolymers, ethylene-butene copolymers, ethylene-butene-diene terpolymers, and blends thereof.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5 wherein said polymer is polyisobutylene or polybutene. ~~has a viscosity average molecular weight in the range from about 50,000 to about 1,250,000.~~
8. (Currently Amended) A torsional vibration damper comprising a free-radical-cured rubber vibration absorbing element, wherein said rubber element comprises: 100 parts of ethylene-alpha-olefin elastomer; and 20 to 100 parts of one or more polymers having a viscosity average molecular weight in the range from about 50,000 to about 1,250,000 selected from the group

consisting of polybutylene, polyisobutylene, polybutene, and polyisobutylene-co-isoprene having less than about 1 mole per cent isoprene.

9. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A cured rubber composition comprising: 100 parts of ethylene-alpha-olefin elastomer; and an amount of substantially isobutylene or butene polymer having a viscosity average molecular weight above about ~~5000~~ 50,000 effective for substantially increasing the vibration damping character of the composition as indicated by an increase in tan δ of ~~greater than~~ at least about ~~20~~ 100 percent at 120°C.
10. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 9 further comprising: a metal-adhesive adjuvant.
11. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 9 wherein said polymer is a copolymer of isobutylene and isoprene having less than about 1 mole per cent isoprene.
12. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 11 wherein said polymer has a viscosity average molecular weight in the range from about 50,000 to about 1,250,000.
13. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 12 wherein said composition is peroxide cured.
14. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A An article selected from the group consisting of a belt, a hose and a vibration control device; comprising: molded or extrusion-formed, free-radical-cured, ethylene-alpha-olefin rubber, said rubber comprising: substantially isobutylene or butene polymer having less than about 1 mole per cent isoprene and having a viscosity average molecular weight greater than about ~~5,000~~ 50,000 in an amount effective for ~~substantially increasing~~ at least doubling the damping character of the rubber as indicated by measurement of tan δ at 120°C.
15. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 14 wherein said polymer has a viscosity average molecular weight in the range from about 50,000 to about 1,250,000.